

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 172R Skyhawk, G-OPFT	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-L2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1998	
Date & Time (UTC):	23 February 2009 at 1241 hrs	
Location:	Durham Tees Valley Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left mainwheel fairing and runway light damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	54 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	14 hours (of which 4 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and comments from the instructor	

The incident occurred during the student pilot's first solo flight. Following a normal circuit and approach to Runway 23, the aircraft drifted to the left during the landing flare and bounced several times; the left wheel fairing struck a runway edge light, damaging both. Control was regained and the landing was completed without further incident. The reported surface wind was 280°/7 kt.

The student pilot had satisfactorily completed nine circuits and landings with his instructor immediately prior to this flight. A check flight with the Chief Flying Instructor will be completed before he is authorised for further solo flight.